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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/507,320

**Applicant(s)**

KITANO ET AL.

**Examiner**

ANNA L. VERDERAME

**Art Unit**

1795

**Period for Reply** -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-9 and 25-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-9 and 25-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

The response filed on 06/17/2008 has been carefully considered. A response is presented below.

#### ***Terminal Disclaimer***

The terminal disclaimer filed on 06/17/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of copending Application No. 10/574,840 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded. The double-patenting rejection found at paragraph 4 in the office action of 03/17/2008 is withdrawn due to applicants filing of a terminal disclaimer.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuoka et al. JP-11102542 in view of Noguchi et al. US 5,942,578.

Matsuoka et al. teaches a laminate consisting of a release sheet and a second release sheet bonded to each other with a double sided adhesive sheet. A first disc substrate and a second disc substrate (16a and 16b) are prepared. The first release

sheet is peeled off from the laminate and the 1st disc substrate 16 a is bonded to the exposed adhesive surface of the double-sided adhesive sheet. Then the second release sheet is peeled off from the surface of the double-sided adhesive sheet opposite to the surface to which the 1st disc substrate 16a is bonded and the 2nd disc substrate 16b is bonded to the exposed adhesive surface of the double-sided adhesive sheet 11 (abstract). The use of exfoliation sheets (release sheets) made from polyethylene, polyester, and polypropylene is disclosed at (0018). Benefits of using a double-sided adhesive sheet include reduced distortion and more precision in the thickness of the layer (0039-0041).

Release sheets undergo release mold processing (0035). Mold release processing is further described at (0019). The result of such processing is easier to remove sheets.

Noguchi et al. teaches a pressure sensitive adhesive composition which includes at least two energy beam curable copolymers having energy beam polymerizable groups in side chains thereof (abstract). A copolymer according to this application is disclosed at (2/60-3/25). The substrate used for the adhesive sheet can be made of polyethylene, polypropylene etc (9/1-7). When UV rays are used to cure the adhesive a substrate film having a transmission of light having a wavelength from 300nm to 400 nm is at least 15% (9/16-20). The thickness of the adhesive layer is preferably from 5 to 50 micrometers (9/35-38). Use of a release sheet is disclosed at (9/32-34). In example 1 copolymer A1 and B1 and photopolymerization initiator C are combined (11/63-13/2).

The release film is disclosed in the first paragraph of the specification as leaving little residue

With regard to surface roughness and light-transmittance in the range of 380-420nm of the photo-curable adhesive, the applicant has the burden of showing that a pressure sensitive UV-curable adhesive as taught in comparative example 2 of Kanai et al. and example 1 of Noguchi et al. does not possess these properties.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to form the adhesive layer taught by Matsuoka et al. of a photopolymerizable pressure sensitive adhesive composition like that taught in example 1 of Noguchi et al. having a thickness of from 1-100 micrometers and more preferably from 5-50 micrometers based on the general teachings of adhesives by Matsuoka and based on the disclosure in Noguchi et al. to form adhesive layers having a thickness of from 1-100 micrometers and more preferably from 5-50 micrometers on to a substrate of for example polyolefin or polypropylene and to optionally provide a release layer on the adhesive layer in Noguchi et al. at (9/32-34).

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-US 2002/0176997-see disclosure at (0097-0099).

2-isocyanatoethylmethacrylate is listed as an example of a suitable coupling compound at (0102).

- US 5,462,797 –see claim 17
- JP-63186722- see abstract
- JP-60-38403-see abstract
- US-5,916,738 –see synthesis example 1

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNA L. VERDERAME whose telephone number is (571)272-6420. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8A-4:30P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on (571)272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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